

Per Capita Tax Load in State Revealed

California's per capita tax load for the fiscal year ending last June 30 was \$256.58, DeWitt W. Kreuger, chief of the division of research and statistics of the State Board of Equalization, has announced.

Total tax collections in the state for the period were \$1,965,422,000 of which \$1,300,228,000

went for federal levies, Kreuger declared.

The state collected \$349,194,000 and local governments received \$316,000,000, he said.

Gladiolus planted in December and January along the Pacific coast will bloom ahead of the summer infestation of thrips.

Warren Tinch Home on Leave, Party Honoree

Guests at the Earl Tinch home, 25903 Walnut st., over last weekend were Warren Tinch of the U.S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Santa Ana, home on leave; Miss Ida Nash of Des Moines, Iowa, Florence McKnight and Wallace Lehman of Fresno.

The party was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Tinch with a turkey dinner on Sunday. Warren advised that he will be leaving Santa Ana soon for advanced flying training.

PHELAN FELLOWSHIP

An announcement was made today by the trustees of the estate of the late Senator James D. Phelan of one fellowship being offered for the year 1944-45, open to the writers of fiction, biography, historical narrative, and verse narrative and carrying a stipend of \$900.

Check Warning Issued by U.S. Government

The government is currently issuing millions of checks, many of these being sent to dependents of men in the armed forces. Too many of these are being stolen and forged by a most contemptible type of criminal—a criminal whose activity brings added distress to the loved ones left behind by the fighting father, son or brother.

The United States Secret Service in a campaign to suppress this type of crime suggests that you "know your endorser—require identification."

Know Your Endorsers
When any stranger asks you to cash a check, insist that he properly identify himself as the rightful payee of that check.

Before you accept any check, ask yourself this question: If this check is returned because of a forged endorsement, can I locate the forger and recover my loss?

If a check is already endorsed when it is presented to you, insist that it be endorsed again in your presence and compare the handwriting.

Have each check initialed by the employee who pays out money for it.

If You Receive Checks
Have some member of the family at home when the checks are due to be delivered.

Be sure your name is clearly printed on your mail box.

Try to cash your checks in the same place each month. This will make identification easier. Merchants are being cautioned to ask for identification.

Do NOT endorse your check until you are in the presence of the person you will ask to cash it.

The Secret Service also is requesting all those receiving or handling the new "card form" of checks to please not mutilate these checks in any manner by spindling, perforating or folding.

VEGETABLES GROW HIGH

W. E. White of Tolland, Colo., has one of the highest Victory gardens in the nation. His plot, 9200 feet above sea level, has produced peas, lettuce, carrots and potatoes. Another mountain garden in the state is that of C. J. Ownsby of Walden, where the altitude is 8200 feet.

Scout Court of Honor Attracts Many to Ceremonies on Oct. 29

Approximately 600 persons, Boy Scouts, parents and friends attended the Torrance-Lomita-Gardena Court of Honor held at the Torrance high school last Friday night.

Troop 241, sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal church was awarded the attendance trophy, held since the June Court by Troop 215 of Lomita. Troop 240 of Waleria was given second-place honors.

Among the high lights of the evening's program were presentation of Eagle Scout awards to Alton DuRant of Troop 215, Lomita; George P. Thatcher, neighborhood commissioner of the Torrance-Lomita area, and the gold palm to the Eagle award to Rex Eipper, Troop 215. H. E. Willey, assistant district commissioner of Wilmington and holder of the Beaver award for 26 years of Scout service, presented the Eagle awards.

The window display award was also won by Troop 241 and was presented by Roy Leve of B'nai B'rith Lodge San Pedro.

Life awards were given George O'Hara and Fred Benton of Troop No. 253, Gardena, and Tenderfoot awards to Robert Andrews, Ralph Breitfeld and Chester Kohler, all of Troop No. 240, Waleria.

Star awards were presented by J. D. Lee Anderson, assistant district commissioner of Gardena, to John Moffitt and Leroy Young of Troop 215, and Neil Silence of Troop 241.

Six first-class, 17 second class and 33 merit awards were presented by J. Roy Winters, assistant district commissioner.

John E. McCall, city attorney of Torrance, was master of ceremonies. Hillman Lee, chairman of the executive committee of the district, introduced the commissioners and Scoutmasters. The salute to the flag was led by Troop 215 and Rex Eipper gave the Scoutmaster's prayer.

NAVY MOTHERS CLUB ARRANGES PARTY

Little Hills Navy Mothers Club No. 157 will sponsor a card party to be held at V.F.W. hall, Lomita, Friday evening, Nov. 5. Bridge, pinocle and 500 will be played. Homemade pumpkin pie and other refreshments will be served.

A 1:30 p.m. business meeting will be held that day at the same hall. Members are urged to attend.

There is a lot of fun in collecting plants as a hobby.

Local Association Grooms Council At P.T.A. Meet

Mrs. M. C. Isaacson presided over the October meeting of the Lomita-San Pedro Council held Thursday at Torrance Elementary school.

Mrs. J. Sherwood Dresser, program, chairman, presented Bernard Strand, principal, who greeted the Council membership; Mrs. W. E. Bowen, hostess president and her executive board who served luncheon at the conclusion of the meeting; Mrs. H. H. Plant of Harbor City, health and child welfare chairman, who discussed the Yale Street clinic and stressed P.T.A.'s wartime pledge to the nation, "To Make America Strong by Making Young Americans Stronger."

Mrs. John R. Garner gave a report of a recent publicity bureau conference regarding the making of press books and Miss Barrington, a Torrance high school student, talked on behalf of the War Chest participation.

The district radio program over KRKD Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. is now featuring "The Family Life Series."

Mrs. J. S. Dresser was elected delegate to the district nominating committee with Mrs. Albert Lund as alternate.

Conference dates are: Nov. 9, public welfare; Nov. 16, American Youth Activities, and Nov. 18, membership.

Bandini, Barton Hill Mexican Auxiliary, Cabrillo, Fern Avenue, 15th Street, Harbor City, Leland, Lomita Elementary, Orange Street, Point Firmin, Seventh Street, Torrance Elementary and Waleria.

MILLER CONVICTED

Convicted on charges alleging intoxication and resisting Patrolman Frane of the Torrance police force, Paul Miller received a suspended jail sentence in Judge Willett's city court on condition that he pay a fine of \$30 and refrain from imbibing intoxicating liquor during a probationary period of 90 days.



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Visits Sister First Time In Twenty Years

For the first time in 20 years, Harry Baker of Tacoma, Wash., has had the opportunity to see and visit with his sister, Mrs. Leo Leslie, of the Leslie Jewelry Co. here.

Baker is taking a two weeks' vacation which he is dividing between Mrs. Leslie's home here and a sister who lives in Wilmington.

The Tacoma man, making his first visit to Southern California, expressed himself as much pleased with the country and conditions.

OTHER GRID SCORES
San Pedro, 13; Banning, 0. Redondo, 14; Leuzinger, 0.

Victory will come faster if we all drive slower.

Hospital Cases

Among patients admitted to the Torrance Memorial hospital this week from this area were: Yvonne Burke, 2439 Gramercy, surgery.

Mrs. Alice Gray, 1432 Carson st., victim of accident.

Mrs. Bessie Collins, 25811 Eshelman st., Lomita, surgery.

Mrs. Ruth Guldjord, 1864 1/2 259th st., Lomita, obstetrics.

Mrs. D. Jones, route 1, box 417-B, Torrance, obstetrics.

Mrs. Julia Lopin, Emerald st., Torrance, surgery.

Mrs. Margaret Melville, 1428 Beech st., Torrance, obstetrics.

STORKatorials

Births reported at Torrance Memorial hospital in families of this area:

To Mr. and Mrs. Linn Guldjord, 1864 1/2 259th place, Torrance, Oct. 29, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Commodore P. Jones, box 417-B, Torrance, Oct. 31, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Melville, 1428 Beech st., Torrance, Oct. 28, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Anderson, a son, Cary Raymond, weighing nine pounds, born Tuesday, Nov. 2. Mr. Anderson conducts the Farmer's Market at Carson and Crenshaw blvd.

Torrance 'B' Team Wallops Narbonne

The Narbonne "B" football team lost its game on Friday afternoon on the Torrance high school field to the Torrance "B" graders by a score of 13 to 6, but displayed some good team work in engineering a touchdown that was scored by Stowell, an end, who has shown marked improvement since the season started.

Tomorrow the "B" team plays Banning's "B" on the Narbonne field.

The California pedestrian accident toll indicates another "bumper" crop is being harvested.



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